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**FREE HEALTH SCREENING AND VACCINATIONS AT 11 METRO SCHOOLS
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Mayor Purcell announces Healthy Nashville 2010 Initiative!

Mayor Bill Purcell resolved that Nashvillians should enjoy a healthier life and Nashville should become a healthier city. "I can think of no better way for us to begin a new year than by committing to a healthier community for the future." Through Executive Order, Mayor Purcell created the Healthy Nashville 2010 Leadership Council to provide oversight to Healthy Nashville 2010. Healthy Nashville 2010 is a community based, community driven process that will identify and undertake strategies to improve Nashvillians' health and quality of life by the year 2010 and beyond.

The 18-member Healthy Nashville 2010 Leadership Council is charged with assessing the health status and quality of life of Davidson County residents, assessing health systems for essential services and potential forces of change, establishing strategic priorities, and mobilizing community initiatives to achieve improvements in health. Specific issues to be addressed are children's immunization, obesity, mental health, environmental concerns, responsible sexual behavior, substance abuse, tobacco use, physical activity and access to health care.

Members of the Healthy Nashville Leadership Council include Dr. Stephanie Bailey, Metro Health Department director; Dr. Frank Boehm, director of maternal/fetal medicine at the Vanderbilt University Center; Scott

Brunette, director of physical education for Metro Schools; Dr. Mary Bufwack of United Neighborhood Health Services; Dr. Ruth Chen, toxicologist for the State of Tennessee; Judith Coffey, student at Hillwood High School; Dr. Tom Cook with the Vanderbilt School of Nursing; Dr. Roy Elam, medical director of the Institute for the Healing Arts; Capt. Manuel Fonseca with the Metro Fire Department; Tish Fort with Greenways for Nashville; John Harkey of Health Leaders Inc.; Darlene Kemp with Easter Seals; Dr. Ernest Madu, assistant professor of cardiovascular medicine at the Vanderbilt Page-Campbell Heart Institute; Janie Parnley, chair of the Metro Board of Health; Joanne Pulles of the HCA Foundation; George Spain of Centerstone; Dr. Robert Wingfield of Fisk University; and Janet Younts, physical therapist.

"Over the past year we have committed more to making Nashville a friendlier city for walkers, bikers and outdoor activities by making significant investments in our sidewalks, bikeways, and parks," said Mayor Purcell. The Healthy Nashville 2010 Leadership Council will work with the Health Department to find ways to use these resources to make Nashville a healthier, more productive city.

For more information about Healthy Nashville 2010 and the Leadership Council, contact Judy Dias at 340-5641.

Crime in Nashville down by 8.6%

Chief Emmett Turner recently announced that crime in Nashville last year dropped 8.6% from calendar year 2001's total, with murder, robbery, burglary, larceny and auto theft dipping to multi-year lows.

Rape, which in 2001 declined to its lowest level since 1986, was up by one case last year. Aggravated assault was up 1% over 2001's total. All totaled, violent and property crimes during 2002 dropped to their lowest levels since 1999.

In a related major development, Chief Turner also announced that despite a nearly 2% increase in calls for police service from 2001 to 2002, response time (the time from when a call is answered at the Communications Center to the time an officer arrives on the scene) dropped by more than 20%.

"We have worked very hard over the past few years, with the strong support of Mayor Purcell, to bring the police department up to as close to full staffing (1316 officers) as possible. That effort translates to more

officers on the streets, particularly in high crime areas, reduced response times and more arrests," Turner said.

"Putting the numbers in perspective over several years, and taking into account our city's growth and population increases, Nashville is a very safe city," Turner said. "Nevertheless, we must and will work to implement strategies to further reduce crime and response time."

The 2002 statistics show that murder dropped to its lowest level since 1970; robbery and burglary dropped to their lowest levels since 1999; larceny (theft) dropped to its lowest level since 1991; and auto theft dropped to its lowest level since 1993.

Robbery was the crime category showing the largest decrease from 2001 to 2002. It declined 18.3%. Detectives cite their success in arresting several serial robbers during the year as one reason for the decline.

Neighborhood Happenings

Earth Day
April 19, 2003
Centennial Park
12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Country Music Marathon
& ½ Marathon
April 26, 2003

River Stages
May 2-4, 2003

Fan Fair
June 5-8, 2003

Metropolitan Council Meetings
1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month
7:00 p.m.
Metro Courthouse

Metropolitan School Board
Meeting
2nd & 4th Tuesday of each
month at 5:00 p.m.
Board Room,
2601 Bransford Avenue

National Night Out Against Crime committee news

The 20th annual National Night Out (NNO), a unique crime and drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW), has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 5, 2003.

In its 9th year in Nashville, the planning committee will begin developing and promoting a citywide NNO program designed to encourage participation from neighborhoods, businesses, community

organizations, police department and other government organizations. To accomplish this,



the planning committee cordially invites you and your community to be part of our NIGHT OUT 2003 team.

We want you to join us with enthusiasm and a strong desire to make a difference and to make this year's program the best yet!

Please contact Gabriela Coto at 880-1820 or gabriela.coto@nashville.gov if you would like to attend or for more information. Be sure your community is part of Nashville's largest annual crime and drug prevention event.

ON Neighborhoods: A tour of Historic Germantown

Historic Germantown Nashville, Inc. has served the Germantown neighborhood residents for twenty years, and continues to strive towards a diverse, connected community. The group was awarded a Community Enhancement Grant this year for a historical marker to commemorate the historical significance of the area, and to develop a walking tour through this inner city neighborhood.

The group received a Community Enhancement Grant last year to purchase labels for trees and to care for newly planted trees as well. The idea of a walking tour stemmed from their success with last year's project. The Germantown neighborhood has many restored buildings, including churches, businesses, large homes, and cottages. Along with the designation as Nashville's first inner city arboretum, these historical destinations make a walking tour an ideal choice for a Germantown project.

The tour will raise community awareness of the value and interest to be found in the neighborhood, enhance neighbor-

hood security by increasing foot traffic, and showcase Germantown as an example of the restoration of an inner city neighborhood. It will also provide Nashvillians with another way to get healthy! A walking tour is a neighborhood activity in which families and neighbors can participate while getting much needed exercise.

As Mayor Purcell's Healthy Nashville Initiative is beginning, we should all be looking for ways in which we can improve our health and that of our families. For many of us, a walk around our neighborhood would provide physical activity while also providing a quick way to get to know your neighbors. Whether you participate in Germantown's walking tour or walk in your own neighborhood, get outside and get involved!

Information on the Historic Germantown Nashville, Inc. Walking Tour will be available beginning in June 2003, at the Nashville Visitor's Center, the Bicentennial Mall, the Farmer's Market, the Chamber of Commerce, and on their website at <http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/nashville/hgmi>.

Neighborhood Training Institute

Getting the Word Out: Establishing a Working Relationship with the Media
March 25, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Generating Resources: Keys to Successful Grant Proposals
April 7, 6:00-8:00 p.m. or April 26, 10:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.

Taking it to Another Level: How to Become a 501(c)3
April 12, 10:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. or April 28, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

On the Road Course: Fire Prevention and Safety
January through April

Call Inspector Richard Dutton, Nashville Fire Department, at 862-5230 to schedule a group presentation.

On the Road Course: Fighting Crime Through Community Policing
January through April

Call Sergeant Shawn Parris, Metro Police Department, at 862-7145 to schedule a group presentation.

Congratulations 2002-03 Community Enhancement Grant Recipients!!

Cahal Neighborhood Group

Castlegate Civic Club

**Concerned Citizens of South
Inglewood**

East End Neighborhood Assoc.

Eastwood Neighborhood Assoc.

Greenwood Neighborhood Assoc.

Hadley Park Neighborhood Assoc.

Haynes Garden Tenant Council

Historic Germantown, Inc.

Historic Talbots Corner

**Jefferson Street United Merchants
Partnership**

Joelton Community Club

**Maxwell Area Neighborhood
Assoc.**

Montague Neighborhood Assoc.

**Murfreesboro Road Business
Assoc.**

**Neighborhood Improvement
Project**

Neighbors Reaching Out

Northeast Nashville Coalition

**Organized Neighbors of Edgehill
Plantation Drive/ Hermitage Hills**

Richland West End

**Roxanne Drive Neighborhood
Watch**

Southside Neighborhood Coalition

**Sunnyside Community
Citizens, Inc.**

**Sylvan Heights
Neighborhood Assoc.**

**Tennessee Neighborhood
Volunteers**

**Tomorrow's Hope
Woodland-in-Waverly**



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ON Metro Department s...

In a world where time is of the essence, where time with family and friends is rare, and leading a healthy life seems impossible, the Metro Parks and Recreation department could offer some solace. With 100 parks and greenways encompassing more than 10,200 acres, 53 playgrounds, 21 community centers, 2 senior centers, and 7 golf courses, your physical workout is, literally, around the corner. The department also offers a workout for your mental-self including cultural programming, arts, crafts, landmarks, and educational resources.

Last year Nashville

celebrated 100 years of Parks, and the renovation of the Parthenon. This year, in an effort to improve Nashville's quality of life, the city has completed the Parks Master Plan, the Sidewalk and

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Bikeways Strategic Plan, and has announced the Healthy Nashville 2010 initiative. As a result, Nashvillians are privy to a city that cares about their health, and, "A healthy city is a

city that is more productive and more attractive to businesses and visitors alike," says Mayor Bill Purcell.

So as the warm weather season approaches, take the time to visit one of your local parks, and take advantage of the many resources they offer. There is a myriad of activities that families and friends can participate in together. Commit to a healthy life style and make your mark at one of Nashville's parks. For more information on the types of programs Metro Parks and Recreation offers, visit them on-line at www.nashville.gov/parks.